

Final concept design for the Point Richards boat ramp carpark upgrade ready



A final concept design for the Point Richards boat ramp carpark upgrade has been developed to provide a better experience for boaters.

The final concept design has been informed by community feedback received as part of a consultation held between 20 November and 9 December 2019.

The final concept design proposes to upgrade the Point Richards boat ramp carpark by providing additional formalised car trailer unit parking spaces, additional single car parking spaces, a one-way car park circulation system, a traffic loop turnaround and improved traffic flow design.

Why is the Point Richards boating facility getting an upgrade?

The Victorian Government identified six facilities that need priority upgrades. This was based on advice from various stakeholders including the boating community. These locations were: Rhyll, Hastings, Mordialloc, Queenscliff, Point Richards and the Cowes Jetty.

These locations are popular boating facilities that need to meet future recreational boating demands and more pressure as Melbourne's population grows.

We are proposing to upgrade the Point Richards boating facility in two stages, starting with the carpark before running a separate consultation to address changes to marine side infrastructure.

How has the community been involved in the project?

We developed and tested two upgrade concept designs with the community at two dedicated drop-in events on Wednesday 20 October and Saturday 30 November, and an online consultation between Saturday 30 November and Monday 9 December 2019. This level of early engagement is unprecedented when it comes to upgrading boat ramps, and a key reason for holding it was because we wanted to involve the community from the outset.

The event and online consultation were promoted widely online and advertised in key local press. The event was attended by around 80 people and 26 people completed the online consultation and gave us written feedback.

We used all the feedback we received to inform the final design.

Is the community supportive of the final concept design?

The community supported elements of the two concept designs presented. You were supportive of an expanded car park, a traffic loop suitable for car boat-trailer-units, improved signage to deter single cars using trailer parks and installing a webcam to view the ramp and car park.

We have taken this into account and believe the final concept design accommodates much of the feedback we received during the consultation.

What do the next steps in the project look like?

We will be working with Bellarine Bayside Coastal Management and relevant authorities to progress a detailed design and the associated approvals to prepare for construction in 2021.

When will the upgrade start?

We are aiming to begin construction in winter 2021.

Who will be managing the upgrade project?

Better Boating Victoria is partnering with Bellarine Bayside Coastal Management to deliver this upgrade.

How much is the project costing?

At this stage, the cost for the upgrade is unknown and will be informed by detailed design. Further information will be provided when available.

Will we get regular updates to let us know where things are at?

There will be updates on the progress of the Point Richards boating facility carpark upgrade project. Better Boating Victoria will work with Bellarine Bayside Coastal Management to ensure updates are promoted through our communications channels.

Who will be responsible for maintaining this asset?

Management of the Point Richards boating facility is currently the responsibility of Bellarine Bayside Coastal Management.

Why is the government spending more money on the car park?

We're aware that boat ramp users are parking beyond the existing car park. As such, there was scope to expand the car park beyond the existing footprint and feedback from community consultation supported this.

Why are you not expanding the existing car park?

We are limited in our ability to expand the existing car park beyond the current envelope because of the nearby Portarlington Miniature Railway. However, we have improved the design by proposing to install a roundabout to address circulation issues and incorporated an additional 8 boat-trailer-unit parking spaces. The formalisation of the car park overflow area to the south will reduce pressure at the existing car park.

Will the upgrade improve the congestion issues at Point Richards?

Yes, the concept design for the car park proposes to introduce an additional 54 formal boat-trailer-unit car parking spaces along with improved two-way flow and circulation.

How will the carparking be monitored to ensure it's used correctly, there are no cars parking in random places and it's not used for train users?

We will be working with Bellarine Bayside Coastal Management and relevant authorities to ensure that adequate signage with clear instructions for motorists and boaters is installed as part of the upgrade.

Where can I park if I don't have a boat?

The design includes additional single car parking spaces in the vicinity of the boat ramp for other users. Single cars will not be allowed to park in boat-trailer-unit bays.

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